



# Timberbank Times

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**TIME CHANGES this weekend...**

**Don't forget to turn back your clocks!**

## Principal's Message

I am always amazed at the incredible things happening throughout our school. When walking through the halls and classrooms, you can see students reading, writing, problem solving, drawing, creating, cooking, singing and dancing. It is wonderful to hear students laughing and learning throughout our school.

During the past month, we have been very busy with our Cross Country Team competing in the Conference Finals. Congratulations to all our athletes and special congrats to Michelle, Daniel, Kaden, Alexandra and Nicole for finishing in the top 20. Many of our classes have had Scientists in the Schools programs and have been actively learning about flight, pulleys, gears, magnets and forces.

Our grade 5 class is about to begin a unique experience where they will be collaborating with other schools to be a part of the TDSB "We Are One Jazz" project. They will be rehearsing every Thursday morning in preparation for their big presentation in February at the Centre for Performing Arts.

Remember that it is always important to know what is happening with your child's education. With this in mind, our progress report cards will be going home on November 13th. Our parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the evening of November 15th and on the morning of November 16th. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress (progressing very well; progressing well; or progressing with difficulty) with the classroom teacher.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you during our parent-teacher interviews.

*Mrs. Anna Epitropou*



## Upcoming Dates

Nov. 6	TDSB Consultation Meeting @ Sir John A. MacDonald CI @ 7pm
Nov. 5, 6	Hip Hop Dance Workshop for our Grades 4, 5, and 6 students
Nov. 8	School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Nov. 9	Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45 am in our gym
Nov. 13	Progress Report Cards Go Home
Nov. 16	4pm to 8pm: Parent-Teacher Interviews
Nov. 17	9am to 12 noon: Parent-Teacher Interviews
Nov. 20	Prologue Presentation - "CARMEN" @ 1pm
Nov. 21	Metis Presentation for our grade 3s and grade 6s
Nov. 23	Sound/Sense Presentation for our grade 4s and grade 5s @ 10:30am
Nov. 23	Milk Presentation for our Kindergarten students in the afternoon
Nov. 30	"On TRACK" Assembly - AM; "Crazy Hair Day"
Dec. 3-5	Dental Screening
Dec. 6	Forest Valley Trip for our Grade 2/3 classes
Dec. 7	PA Day - no school for students

*"Eid Mubarak*



## Eco News

Eco Team has started! So far, the team has been preparing for another great year. We have started a new project in October. It is called "TerraCycle". It is a project that Timberbank has never done before. Here is something odd about TerraCycle: it takes garbage and recycles it! How amazing is that?! This year, we will be collecting candy wrappers (from Nestle) at the canteen window. KitKat, Smarties, Aero and Coffee Crisp wrappers will be collected. The more wrappers, the more points we can get. The points can be redeemed for things such as tables and more! Let's rack up some points and let's go for PLATINUM EcoSchools status.



Check out the website: <http://www.terracycle.ca/en-CA/brigades/halloween-clean-up-brigade.html>

By: Anda (EcoReporter)

## Halloween Fun!



As we have done in the past, Timberbank hosted a Movie Night/Afternoon on October 30th and all the proceeds that were collected will go towards supporting enrichment activities for our students.

Thanks to all of you we raised: \$492

On Monday, October 31st, we celebrated Halloween with style as we paraded through our schools and danced in our gym to the Monster Mash and Time Warp. What fun!!!



## *What Can I Do to Help My Child?*

Parents often ask how can they help their child. The most important things researchers say parents can do for their kids' success at school:

- Let your child know you have high but reasonable expectations
- Talk with your child about school regularly
- Focus on attitude rather than marks
- Read to, or with, your child

## Bags for Beds

We continue to collect milk bags and thanks to everyone for their contributions. Last year, we collected enough to make 23 beds for children. So far we have collected enough for 6 beds...

What is Bags for Beds? Can beds really be made out of milk bags? ABSOLUTELY !!! Here is how it is done. Milk bags, like the image below, are used to make a sort of wool out of the plastic! The bags are cut into strips. The strips are then tied together to form long strands and the strands are rolled into balls like wool. The "wool" is then crocheted into comfortable waterproof mats. These mats are then shipped to places such as Haiti and Cuba where there has been a call for relief.

- Only the outside of the milk bag can be used, however it does not matter what colour it is.
- Lots of Milk Bags are needed.
- 300 Milk Bags are used to make 1 child size mat  
600 Milk Bags are used to make 1 adult size mat

Timberbank staff and students have taken on this global social justice action to address the poverty in relief stricken areas in our world. Thank you for your contributions...keep them coming!





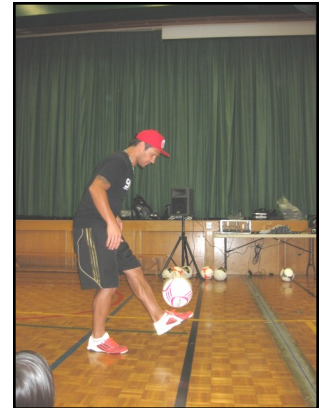
## Freeze Out the Bullying

On October 23rd, Timberbank saw an amazing presentation called "Freeze Out the Bullying". It was so cool! Eli and Magnet did fantastic soccer tricks. I thought it was awesome when Magnet moved the ball along his body so smoothly.

Both of them shared stories about how they were bullied when they were younger. When Magnet was younger, he was new to Canada and he did not have friends. So, he was excluded from games and sports. Then one day, a boy named John invited him to play soccer and then the kids saw that he was good, and he started making some friends. Eli was also bullied physically in eighth grade by a boy much bigger than him. He didn't do anything about it, he didn't tell a teacher, and none of his classmates did anything either. They were bystanders. Eli and Magnet taught us about being unique and how important it is to have empathy.

Later in the presentation, students got to participate in different competitions. My favourite part was when the teachers participated in the knee-grab race. Teachers used different techniques. Some jumped, some walked and one of them even shuffled. That presentation was the most interesting thing that has happened this year!

By: Mithune



### Reminders:

- **Cars dropping off** students need to pay attention to the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. **Do NOT** block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be **SAFE!!!**
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.



### **Parent School Council News!**

Parental involvement is an important part of the success of our students. We truly value your commitment to the education of your children and our school.

On Thursday, October 4th, our new School Council executive was elected. Congratulations to:

Co-Chairs: Nick Carasis and Faraz Chaudhery

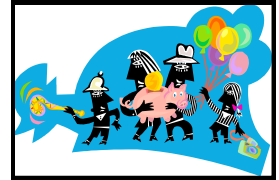
Co-Secretaries: Mary Mavraidis-Jones and Jerry Jones

Treasurer: Mike Petkovski and Jean Garcia

Safety Committee Representative: Lisa Ferguson

Community Representatives: Marilyn Trenbeth

We are looking forward to another great year of working in partnership with our parents and community members. Our next council meeting is on Thursday, November 8th and we hope to see you there!



### **CROSS Country Team & Conference Finals**



Did you know October is Fire Prevention Month? The Grade 3s have been learning about how to keep themselves, their families and their homes safe this month and would like to share some helpful hints with you!

- If you are in a building that catches fire, GET OUT as fast as you can!
- If your clothes catch fire, STOP! DROP! And ROLL!
- Make an escape plan for your home and practice with your family
- Decide on a safe meeting place outside of your home and make sure everyone in your family knows where it is
- Make sure you have smoke detectors in your home and check the batteries
- Before opening a door in a building that could be on fire, feel the door to make sure it is not hot.
- If there is smoke in a room, get down low and crawl
- Call 9-1-1!!!

Collaborated and Completed by the Grade 3 students at Timberbank Junior PS.



On October 15th, we had the pleasure of having the local Fire Department observe one of our fire drills. They were impressed by how quickly, silently and safely we exited our building. Way to go Timberbank!!





Hello Timberbank Junior Public School!

This is just a friendly reminder that the Bridlewood Public Library is a part of your school's community.

And as a part of our community, you are encouraged to perhaps do things like:

- Visit us at the Bridlewood Branch
- Visit us on the web at [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca) and check out KidsSpace.

If you have any questions about these or other library/school community partnerships, please call us at **416-396-8960**.

Together we can help children on their way to becoming lifelong learners!

Katherine McGreechan, Library Assistant

### **Bridlewood Branch**

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416-396-8960 [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca)



### ***Fall Community Clean Up***

On Friday, October 19, 2012, our school participated in a Fall Community Clean Up as part of our commitment to keeping our environment clean. As an EcoSchool, each class has agreed to do a monthly community clean up along with the whole school clean ups that happen in the Fall and Spring. Way to Go Timberbank!!





# *Having Fun Learning!!!*

